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From

The Secy to the Hon'ble the Resident
F. 7841)-40/W dated 28th Octr. 41 forwarding a
Copy of Home Dept letter dated 28th Octr. 41
with Appendices re: Bomb Disposal Organisation

Perhaps the papers may be sent up
to the 15th for kind perusal and return. Subd for pus

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(Law Minister)

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wp 11 dated 30th Octr. 41.

Forwarded with compliments to the
Secretariat Circular regarding the
organisation and work

Secretariat Memo

30-10-41

Secy to Govt Home Dept

Un official File No. A.R.P. 39/41-42 dt. 7-11-1941

Returned duly complimentary, after
removing Appendices B-F and the Govt of
India letter, for the use of the Special
A.R.P. Officer, with the assistance of the
Chief Secy.

28 Secy to Govt

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NOTE—Contn. Sheet.

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the Secretary to the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore, by designation and not by name.

SECRET

No. F.78(11)-40/W.

FROM

THE SECRETARY
TO THE HON'BLE THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

C.B. 28/10/41

Dated Bangalore, the 28th October *194* 1.

BOMB DISPOSAL ORGANISATION.

SIR,

I am directed to forward, for information, extracts from a copy of a letter from the Government of India, Home Department, to all Provincial Governments etc. No.78/61/40-A.R.P., dated the 28th August 1941, together with Appendices B - F referred to therein.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

M. Q. Aman Nazar.

for SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.

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Extracts from a copy of a letter from the Government of India, Home Department, to all Provincial Governments, etc. No.78/61/40-A.R.P., dated the 28th August 1941.

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BOMB DISPOSAL ORGANISATION

I am directed to refer to Government of India, Home Department letter No.78/61/40-A.R.P., dated the 16th June 1941 and to give details of the Bomb Disposal Organisation and to set out the procedure to be adopted in connection with unexploded bombs.

(NOTE.- The term "bomb" in this letter includes Incendiary Bombs 1-Kg 50-Kg 250-Kg or more Parachute Mines. H.E. Bombs 50-Kg - 1000-Kg or more Aeroplane Cannon Shells Anti-aircraft shells).

2. The Government of India have decided that -

(a) the preliminary reconnaissance and confirmation of the location and the existence of unexploded bombs is the responsibility of the Civil Defence and A.R.P. Organisation except in Military Cantonments where it is the responsibility of the Military Authorities, and within Railway Premises where it is the responsibility of the Railway Authorities;

(b) the Civil Defence Commissioner is responsible for deciding the priority of disposal of unexploded bombs whether they are in Military Cantonments or in Civil Areas. In the case of several Civil Defence Commissioners having at call a single Bomb Disposal Section, the senior as authorised by the Provincial Government will allot final priority for disposal; and

(c) the final disposal of unexploded bombs is the responsibility of Bomb Disposal Sections organised by the Military Authorities.

3. * * *

4. Civil Defence Commissioners whilst responsible for deciding priority of disposal of unexploded bombs will not normally themselves order a Bomb Disposal Section to take action but will do this through a Military Liaison Officer whom the Military Authorities are arranging to be at his Headquarters during raid periods.

5. It is possible that unexploded bombs may fall in areas where there is no Civil Defence or A.R.P. Organisation. In such cases the District Magistrate will be made responsible for reporting their existence to the nearest Civil Defence Commissioner who will then take the necessary action.

6. The following Appendices are attached to this letter: -

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Appendix 'B' - Procedure for dealing with unexploded Bombs;

Appendix 'C' - Form of Report on unexploded bombs;

Appendix 'D' - Clearance of Danger Areas;

Appendix 'E' - Notes on how to detect unexploded High Explosive Bombs; and

Appendix 'F' - Description of certain types of Bombs and precautions to be taken when handling them.

7. The procedure to be adopted in the case of crashed aircraft will be the subject of a later communication.

8. The recognition of unexploded bombs is not always easy and it will be necessary to train the Civic Guards, Police and A.R.P. Wardens and wardens of Railways and Factories so that they will be able to undertake the "preliminary reconnaissance". (See Appendix 'B' paragraph 1). In addition a number of volunteers must be specially trained to carry out the duty of "Confirmation" - (See Appendix 'B' paragraph 4). These volunteers may be drawn from the authorised establishment of A.R.P. Volunteers but normally will be found from existing government servants. The Public Works Department personnel will probably be found suitable for this duty. Arrangements are accordingly being made to train one Instructor in the detection of unexploded bombs for each Class I, II and III towns at the Bomb Disposal School. These arrangements may take a little time to make but in the meanwhile I am to request that the persons to attend the School may be selected and given an opportunity of studying this letter.

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The reply to this communication should be addressed to the Secretary to the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore, by designation and not by name.

No. F.78(11)-40/W.

FROM

THE SECRETARY
TO THE HON'BLE THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

CB. 30/10/41

Dated Bangalore, the 29th October *194* 1.

Bomb Disposal Organisation - Crashed Aircraft.

SIR,

I am directed to refer to my letter No.F.78(11)-40/W, dated the 28th October 1941, and to forward copies of the communications noted in the margin.

Letters from the Government of India, Home Department to all Provincial Governments, etc. No.78/41/40-A.R.P., dated the 9th and 17th September 1941, with annexure.

main file was sent up to the ISP panel & return. Copies of present communication will be kept in this for information & orders

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

for SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.

Issued No 954/W dt 31-X-41 to the I.G.P.

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Copy of a letter from the Government of India, Home Department, to all Provincial Governments, etc. No.78/61/40-A.R.P., dated the 9th September 1941.

Bomb Disposal Organisation - Crashed Aircraft.

I am directed to refer to paragraph 7 of Government of India, Home Department letter No.78/61/40-A.R.P., dated the 28th August, 1941, herein referred to as the previous letter and to give details of the procedure to be followed in the case of crashed aircraft or aircraft which have made a forced landing. Generally the procedure will follow that set out in the previous letter with the exceptions given below: -

GENERAL INSTRUCTION

2. No part of an aircraft, its equipment or armament will in any circumstances be removed or interfered with, without the permission of Air Headquarters, India, except as indicated in paragraphs 4, 6, 8, 15 and 17 below.

ACTION BY POLICE, CIVIC GUARDS AND A.R.P.PERSONNEL ON BECOMING AWARE THAT AN AIRCRAFT HAS CRASHED OR MADE A FORCED LANDING

3. An immediate report will be made to the A.R.P. Control and Report Centre concerned giving the following details: -

(a) exact location;
(b) date and time of crash/forced landing;
(c) type of aircraft (if recognised);
(d) whether hostile or friendly aircraft;
(e) whether unexploded bombs suspected/known to be present; and
(f) casualties.

In the case of railways an immediate report will be made to all the nearest A.R.P. Railway Control Officer, who, in turn, will immediately report, giving the details mentioned above, to the A.R.P. Control and Report Centre.

4. If the aircraft is on fire an immediate report will be made to the Fire Brigade.

In the case of railways an immediate report will be made to the Railway Fire Brigade if any, or failing this to the Civil Fire Brigade.

5. A guard will be posted by the senior present to prevent any unauthorised person interfering with the aircraft.

6. Every effort will be made to save the occupants of the

aircraft and to render First Aid.

ACTION BY A.R.P. CONTROLLER.

7. On receipt of the report the A.R.P. Controller will immediately inform -

(i) the Civil Defence Commissioner giving the details mentioned in paragraph 3 and stating whether the unexploded bombs if any constitute a danger to any vital establishment; and

(ii) those mentioned in paragraph 2 of Appendix 'B' of the pervious letter.

8. The A.R.P. Controller will take any other action considered necessary to save life or property, but see paragraph 2 above.

9. He will take early action to confirm whether unexploded bombs do in fact exist and will report the result to the Civil Defence Commissioner.

ACTION BY POLICE.

10. The Police will take action as in paragraph 3 and 11 of Appendix 'B' of the previous letter.

ACTION BY THE CIVIL DEFENCE COMMISSIONER.

11. He will immediately make a report to the nearest Air Force Station in the form given as an annexure to this letter, provided it is not more than six hours' travelling distance by road or rail when he will make his report to Air Headquarters, India, New Delhi/Simla.

These reports must NOT be sent by wireless unless telegraphic and telephonic communications are not available in which case they may be sent by wireless in cypher signal, priority 'Important', by arrangement with the military authorities.

12. On receipt of the above reports -

(a) the Commander of the nearest Air Force Station (see paragraph 11) will report to Air Headquarters, India, and will arrange for a preliminary visual inspection.

(b) Air Headquarters, India, will decide whether the aircraft is to be examined by Air Force technical personnel and if so will advise the Civil Defence Commissioner of the date and time of the inspection and ask for any local assistance which may be required. The Civil Defence Commissioner will arrange for the assistance and inform all those concerned e.g. Railway authorities, Public Utilities, etc.

13. If no technical inspection is to be carried out the Civil Defence Commissioner will be given instructions by Air Headquarters, India, for the disposal of the aircraft and its equipment.

14. He will in conjunction with the local military authorities, if any, otherwise the Police, arrange for a properly constituted guard to be posted over it.

15. In the event of a crash, when the presence of unexploded bombs has been confirmed and the Civil Defence Commissioner is of the opinion that they constitute a danger to vital installations, he will take action as in paragraph 7(i) of Appendix 'B' of the previous letter.

16. In the event of a successful forced landing or when the unexploded bombs do not constitute a danger to vital installations he will take action as in paragraph 7(ii) of Appendix 'B' of the previous letter. It should be noted that Officers Commanding Bomb Disposal Sections are being given instructions to the effect that bombs in aircraft are to be rendered safe but are not to be removed from the aircraft unless anything out of the ordinary is encountered.

CRASHED, ETC. AIRCRAFT IN RAILWAY AND FACTORY PREMISES.

17. The Railway Authorities and Factories will report the fall of crashed aircraft and aircraft which have made a forced landing, to the Report Centre in the manner set out in paragraph 3 above stating in addition whether unexploded bombs in the aircraft, if any, constitute a danger to any vital installation, or whether the aircraft interfere seriously with railway working.

The Railway authorities are permitted to remove crashed aircraft to the side of the line, using their own personnel, cranes or other equipment, but this must not be done until the aircraft has been made safe for handling.

CRASHED, ETC. AIRCRAFT IN CANTONMENTS.

18. The military authorities will make the report mentioned in paragraph 7 above to the Civil Defence Commissioner stating in addition whether the unexploded bombs in the aircraft, if any, constitute a danger to any vital installation.

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BOMB DISPOSAL ORGANISATION - CRASHED AIRCRAFT

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I am directed to refer to paragraph 11 of Government of India, Home Department, letter No.78/61/40-A.R.P., dated the 9th September 1941, on the subject mentioned above and to forward herewith a copy of the annexure referred to therein.

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ANNEXURE

REPORT OF CRASHED OR FORCED LANDED ENEMY AIRCRAFT

1. Exact Location.
2. Date and time of crash/forced landing.
3. Type of aircraft (if recognised).
4. Extent of damage to aircraft.
5. Whether unexploded bombs on aircraft.
6. Whether bombs disposed of as danger to vital establishment.

31st October 1941.

No. 957/W
Encs 4.

The Inspector General of Police in Mysore.

Bomb Disposal Organisation - Crashed Aircraft.

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In continuation of U.O. file No.11 dated the 30th October 1941 on the above subject, I am directed to forward for information copies of letters from the Government of India, Home Department to all Provincial Governments, etc., No.78/61/40.A.R.P., dated the 9th and 27th September 1941, with annexure, since received from the Residency in the matter.

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For Chief Secretary to Government.

The reply to this communication should be addressed to the Secretary to the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore, by designation and not by name.

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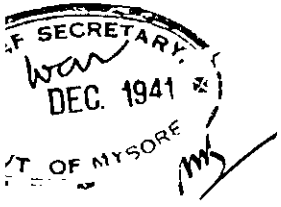
FROM

THE SECRETARY
TO THE HON'BLE THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Dated Bangalore, the 2nd December *1941*.



Bomb Disposal Organisation -
Crashed Aircraft.

SIR,

In continuation of my letter No.F.78(11)-40/W, dated the 29th October 1941, I am directed to forward a copy of a letter from the Government of India, Civil Defence Department, to all Provincial Governments, etc., No.78/61/40-A.R.P., dated the 12th November 1941.

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th previous letter.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

M Raman Nair.

for SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.

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Issued 1092/W & 4th Dec. 41 to the ISB

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BOMB DISPOSAL ORGANISATION - CRASHED AIRCRAFT.

I am directed to refer to paragraph 16 of Government of India, Home Department, letter No.78/61/40-A.R.P., dated the 9th September 1941, on the subject mentioned above and to say that the second sentence of this paragraph should be amended to read as follows: -

"It should be noted that Officers Commanding Bomb Disposal Sections are being given instructions to the effect that bombs on crashed enemy aircraft are to be removed without defuzing when at all possible. In cases where this is not possible, they are to be treated in the same manner as any other unexploded bombs on the surface, and the same safety precautions are to be observed".

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4th December 194

The Inspector-General of Police in Mysore.

Bomb Disposal Organisation - Crashed Aircraft.

In continuation of this office letter No.957/W dated th 31st October 1941 on the above subject, I am directed to forwa for information a copy of letter from the Government of India, Civil Defence Department, to all Provincial Governments, etc., No.78/61/40-A.R.P. dated the 12th November 1941, received from the Residency in the matter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

For Chief Secretary to Government.